

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

PRESENT:

| NAME | ORGANIZATION |
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| Susan Finster | GC Council on Aging |
| Rebecca Cantrell | United Way of Greater Dayton |
| Amanda Castro | GC Educational Service Center |
| Deb Cordell | GC Family & Children First |
| Stacey Foster | Council On Rural Services - Head Start |
| Terry Graves-Strleter | GC Educational Service Center |
| Melissa Howell | GC Public Health Department |
| Brandon Huddleson | GC Board of County Commissioners |
| John LaRock | GC Board of Developmentally Disabled |
| Brent Lewis | GC Family & Children First |
| Debbie Matheson | Family Violence Prevention Center |
| Greta Mayer | GC Mental Health Recovery Board |
| Paul Otten | Beavercreek Schools |
| Libby Powers | GC Family & Children First Visitation Center |
| Kim Redd | Help Me Grow |
| Beth Rubin | GC Department of Job & Family Services |
| Delana Zapata | GC Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| Tom Otto | TCN Behavioral Health Care |
| Sandy Brubaker | GC Juvenile Court |
| Ken Collier | Greene Cats |
| Katheen Diegelman | Family Solution Center |
| Jennifer Murphy | Council on Rural Services |
| Rebecca Supinger | GC OSU Extension |

Ms. Matheson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The meeting opened with introductions of all present.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2020 Full Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Cantrell, seconded by Ms. Rubin. The motion passed without exception.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2020 PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Lewis discussed that the manner we are working with our families continues to be virtually and by phone as much as possible. This has resulted in more time spent with each family and an increase in direct service hours. Family's needs have increased during the pandemic and required much more assistance from staff. We currently have 20 families open for Service Coordination and 4 youth we are monitoring in residential placement. We continue to receive additional referrals for agencies seeking residential placement for youth.

The response to virtual parenting classes has been positive. We have added an additional zoom course to accommodate the high number of referrals. One will be offered in the afternoon and one in the early evening. We currently have 20 parents registered for the next round of classes. Having two sessions will allow for more individual attention with each parent.

A motion to approve the report was made by Ms. Mayer, seconded by Ms. Howell. The motion passed without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STEERING COMMITTEE-MS. MATHESON

Ms. Matheson advised the Steering Committee last met in January virtually. Virtual platforms were discussed in detail along with staffing vacancies. The Steering Committee will meet following the Full Council Meeting today.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE – MS. MAYER

Ms. Mayer noted that the Audit/Finance Committee met earlier in the morning. Ms. Mayer gave an overview of the fiscal report and stated that we are on track with spending available funds. The committee once again looked at the council/county split and agreed that the 75-25 split is appropriate at this time. The grant spending is on target at this time. Ms. Mayer discussed the access of the Multi System Youth funding and the successful use of those dollars to save local dollars utilized in placement.

Ms. Cordell reported that we are scheduled for a state audit this year, but that we have not received notice of a date. Ms. Cordell will have all required documents submitted by the end of the month.

A motion to approve the fiscal report as provided by the audit/finance committee was made by Mr. Larock and seconded by Ms. Rubin. The motion passed without exception.

Help Me Grow-Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported that Ms. Hamer just submitted the end of the year report. Following up on November's report that referrals were down, numbers have increased significantly, with 39 referrals in January. This is an increase of 14 over the average of 25. Ms. Hamer is currently completing interviews for the vacant service coordinator position.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SFY2022 OCBF APPLICATION – MR. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis reviewed the SFY2022 Ohio Family and Children First Council Operational Capacity Building Funds Application (OCBF). He reviewed the application guidelines and budget assurances. Mr. Lewis informed the council that the \$15,750.00 available through the OCBF application was all designated for personnel costs and applied to the salary of the Director. Mr. Lewis reviewed upcoming Full Council meeting schedule for SFY2022 and the mandated members attendance for Calendar Year 2020. Ms. Rubin made a motion to approve submission of the SFY2022 OCBF application and was seconded by Ms. Mayer. The motion passed without exception.

COUNCIL DUES 2021 – MS. CORDELL

Ms. Cordell went over past Council Due structure and stated that the agency is recommending that levels, which are based on the size of the participating organization stay unchanged for 2021. She reminded everyone that the fees are voluntary, and are not required to participate in FCFC, but do go to support the overall function of the Council. A motion was made by Ms. Mayer and seconded by Ms. Rubin. The motion passed without exception.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Matheson reported that February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month and orange is the associated color. There is a no cost virtual event this month put on by FVPC, "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes". They are requesting participants to walk and discuss what a healthy relationship looks like.
- Ms. Rubin stated that the agency received notice that they were awarded the grant to begin the Ohio Start Program, which will allow a dedicated case worker for families who are experiencing child maltreatment and substance use disorder. They are going to work collaboratively with TCN who will provide a peer mentor and there will be a team approach to addressing the issues.
- Ms. Mayer shared that OHMAS has received an award for the state opioid response grant. MHRB has an opportunity to apply for additional funding for funded agencies. The grant also opens up to addressing stimulants and other co-occurring substances. The timeline is very quick. The application is due November 20th. Ms. Mayer reminded the group that the election can cause additional stress and encouraged individuals to reach out for help if they are feeling stressed.
- Mr. LaRock reported that they continue to work with the health department on getting providers vaccinated. They continue to provide support to outside agencies providing services to their clients. They are anxious to see what occurs with this year's state budget and the impact it will have on the agency.
- Ms. Diegelman discussed that in September Family Solutions had to temporarily close the day treatment program due to staffing. They reopened in December with one group serving middle school and high school age youth. She is excited to report that they will expand to two groups in early to mid-March. They have one remaining position vacancy to fill. She reminded everyone that they are able, through TCN and Family Solutions, to do either in person or virtual assessments, counseling and offer many group services virtually also.
- Ms. Brubaker reported that Judge Tornicio was appointed by the Governor to Common Pleas Court. He will be making that transition in March and there will be a new appointment quickly. There is only currently one retired Juvenile Judge in Southwest Ohio, so a new appointment needs to be made.

The Court is starting Parent Project in person again this week. The Court continues to operate on an alternating team schedule to reduce the number of staff in the building at one time.

- Ms. Mayer reported that MHRB was approved for funding Opioid Use Disorder that was also extended to cover stimulants by the state in the amount of \$670,000.00 for Greene County plus an additional \$300,000.00 in regional funding that will affect Greene County. This will be funding that will go directly to providers to do the actual work. There are a variety of providers who will be receiving that funding. They received another Federal grant to work with victims of the tornado. Funding will be provided to Greene County ESC and TCN in order to address the impact of the tornados. That funding impact was \$813,000.00. Ms. Mayer gave an overview of the Healing Communities Study that is working closely with the Drug Free Coalition and has resulted in additional resources in the community.
- Mr. Collier reported that Greene Cats continues with Flex Routes. They are assisting with transportation for seniors to access vaccinations. They are working closely with the Council on Aging. They are celebrating 20 years of providing transportation in Greene County.
- Ms. Redd reported that they continue to work actively in the community to promote and market their Help Me Grow Programs. She has marketing materials available for providers and is willing to support and participate in any upcoming events.
- Mr. Huddleson reported that Commissioner Perales is back in office after spending time at the state. Commissioners passed the 2021 budget, which is basically the same as last years. We are in a good fiscal position and have been able to weather the storm of the pandemic without layoffs or furloughs. The building of a new jail will be back on the ballot. The county is gathering information on what the voters feel, with a focus still being on the treatment aspect.
- Ms. Finster reported they have resumed some home visits. They are offering more in person services.
- Ms. Zapata thanked the Greene County Library for partnering with them to offer a book club for DODD clients. The agency logo has been updated after feedback from stakeholders.
- Mr. Otten expressed appreciation to Public Health for their assistance in vaccination and assisting the school district in addressing exposure, positive tests, etc. The majority of schools in Greene County are scheduled for vaccinations February 15-19th. Krogers will be a large provider in this process. Three school districts are utilizing Premier Health as their provider. Beavercreek has about 1100 employees alone. They are hoping to offer the vaccination on one day. Currently vaccinations are only being offered for staff.
- Ms. Supinger reported they are preparing to provide pesticide application training this spring. In terms of 4H, enrollment was moved back to April 1st to allow all kids to get enrolled. They are offering virtual money management classes and also are offering a strong heart challenge virtually.
- Ms. Castro reported that they are currently partnering with MHRB on several grant opportunities. They will provide more updates on these opportunities next meeting.
- Ms. Cantrell reported that February marks Black History Month, and to celebrate this, United Way is offering Racial Equity mini grants. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information they can reach out to her or through the website. The first meeting for the community Strong Families program will take place tomorrow. This initiative is focused on serving the ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained but Employed) population. This population reflects individuals up to 250% of the Federal poverty level and represents approximately 40% of the Greene County population. This group is typically one emergency away from financial crisis. Partners will be identified in areas of Health, Education and Income to work with these families. More information will be presented in the near future.

- Ms. Zapata discussed DODD's "All Hands In" program which allows clients to participate in activities daily online. This program has been very successful and they have partnered with other counties to expand this program through Zoom. There is a new state grant that will be available to assist individuals who need help with their IEP's. There is information about it on DODD's social media. Families are eligible to apply for up to \$1,500.00 in assistance. DODD is recognizing providers that have gone above and beyond during the pandemic. If you are aware of an agency that you feel is deserving, please reach out to Ms. Zapata and she will do her best to recognize them.
- Ms. Madry-Johnson reported the shelter currently has 39 individuals and by the end of the day will have 41. They are still open for Rapid Rehousing applications. MVCAP has committed at least \$80,000.00 to provide housing in hotels when Bridges of Hope is at capacity. MVCAP does have first months rent and deposit money available. The application can be completed online at www.miamivalleycap.org.
- Ms. Foster reported Fairborn Headstart is open and doing well. They have openings in both the center based and virtual options at this time. Families may call the center at 937-878-4460 for more information.
- Mr. Otto reported that they continue to provide telehealth and telepsychiatry for both youth and adult services. TCN is acquiring Miami Valley Recovery Council. This will allow TCN to provide a level of care that they have not had before and that is in patient detox. The acquisition will occur in January. This will allow for the full continuum of care.
- Ms. Graves-Strieter reported that the ESC's in Ohio have been charged with coordinating the vaccination roll out in each education sector.

OTHER ITEMS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR AND DIRECTOR

There were no other items of discussion.

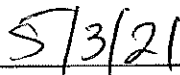
The next meeting is Monday, May 3, 2021, TBD at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned @ 10:08 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


 Brent Lewis, Director

APPROVED:


 Date